

whose pride is low, and whose love for You and this wonderful Nation is wide and deep.

Grant that these leaders be ribbed with the steel of Your spirit so that their strength will be equal to the task, that they won't fade under the light of scrutiny, that they will be calm amidst the storms of criticism, that they won't bend amidst the storms of criticism, that they won't bend under the heavy load of responsibility, and that they will courageously hold high the torch of Your truth to guide them.

We ask these blessings in Your holy name.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. HOCHUL) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. HOCHUL led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WELCOMING REVEREND JOSEPH SHEA

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from California (Mr. GALLEGLY) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I have known Father Joseph Shea since he was appointed pastor of St. Rose of Lima Parish in my home city of Simi Valley, California. He's been there now for approximately 4 years, and we've worked together on several projects that have benefited our community.

It is befitting that we continue the tradition of having pastors from across our country open the people's House with a prayer for our Nation and its people.

I want to thank the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, Chaplain of the U.S. House of Representatives, for giving Father Shea the opportunity to open today's session of the House. Having guest chaplains from across the country participate in this historical undertaking truly does manifest the freedom of worship enjoyed across the United States.

I also want to thank Father Shea for traveling all the way across this great Nation to be here with us this morning to offer the spiritual opening for the day.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks announced that the Senate has passed a bill and agreed to a concurrent resolution of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 2061. An act to provide for an exchange of land between the Department of Homeland Security and the South Carolina State Ports Authority.

S. Con. Res. 5. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to award the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Montford Point Marines.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. ROSLEHTINEN). The Chair will entertain 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

HONORING DONALD KACZYNSKI'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO ARKANSAS' DISABLED VETERANS

(Mr. CRAWFORD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Donald Kaczynski from my home State of Arkansas. Donald is a Marine veteran with a passion for serving other veterans who are living with a disability.

After receiving an honorable discharge from the Marines, Donald was faced with the challenge of finding a new career. He saw firsthand the obstacles disabled veterans face and knew he wanted to help other veterans have a higher quality of life.

After moving to Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, he started a mobile concession stand business. With his business, Donald drives to events throughout Arkansas, providing concessions for veterans' gatherings.

In addition to his business, Donald serves Arkansas' veterans as commander and adjutant of the Hot Springs Village VFW. Most recently, Donald was elected to serve as the 2011–2012 State commander of the Disabled American Veterans Department of Arkansas. In 2004, Donald was recognized as the VFW Man of the Year for Arkansas, and in 2008 as the Disabled American Veterans Man of the Year.

Madam Speaker, we honor Donald Kaczynski and his service to Arkansas' veterans.

PAKISTAN IS A SAFE HAVEN FOR THE TALIBAN AND AL QAEDA

(Ms. HOCHUL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. HOCHUL. Madam Speaker, as we recall the brave heroes of the D-day invasion 68 years ago today, I thought of the new American heroes who are fighting for us on the front lines of Af-

ghanistan, a place I left a few weeks ago, and the 36 hours I spent in the war zone speaking to them.

Conversations with generals, diplomats, and the troops on the ground confirm that Pakistan remains a safe haven for the Taliban and al Qaeda. First it was proved to the world when Osama Bin Laden was found to be hiding there for a lengthy amount of time.

But on Monday, a drone strike just over the Pakistani border killed al Qaeda's number 2 in command, further proving beyond all doubt that Pakistan continues to harbor terrorists. If Pakistan is unwilling to condemn these international terrorists and work with the United States to find them, they should not be eligible for foreign aid. Period. End.

I pledge to continue to work in a bipartisan way with my colleagues to restrict funds as long as Pakistan sits by and provides refuge to terrorists who put our troops, which I just left, and our Nation, in harm's way.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BILL STEWART, FORMER FOOTBALL HEAD COACH OF WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

(Mr. MCKINLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MCKINLEY. Madam Speaker, the State of West Virginia lost one of its greatest residents, greatest citizens last week, and I lost a very close friend. Former head coach of West Virginia University's football team and New Martinsville native Bill Stewart unexpectedly passed away on May 28.

Stewart was a man of integrity and high moral character who practiced truly what he preached, both on and off the field.

As the head coach of the Mountaineers, he represented our State and the university in the best possible way. His signature win over Oklahoma in the 2008 Fiesta Bowl launched him into the national spotlight. His legacy will be the type of life he led.

Coach Stew never met a stranger, and he never lost sight of his home. He lived each day to its fullest and had a contagious enthusiasm that inspired everyone around him.

Leave no doubt: Bill Stewart will be missed for years to come because he was a man of his word, a man who openly followed his faith, and a dedicated father, husband, and friend.

Bill Stewart took that final, dusty, windy country road home to his place in Heaven.

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THE NEED TO PASS THE TRANSPORTATION BILL

(Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. I rise today to speak out about the need to pass a transportation bill.